

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-12, 14-17, 19-24, 26-28 and 30-32 are now in the case.

Applicants have cancelled claims 9, 13, 18, 25 and 29 without prejudice.

Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to claim the features of a substrate incorporating a cleaning composition comprising an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Applicants have amended independent claim 17 to claim the features of a substrate having a tensile strength of at least 5 N/inch and a composition comprising an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Applicants have amended dependent claims 10, 19 and 26 to correct their dependency. Each of these amendments is supported by the specification, claims and drawings as filed.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-4 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Manning '421.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 has been amended to include the features of a substrate incorporates a cleaning composition comprising an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

It is therefore Applicants' position that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-4 and 6.

Claims 1-12, 14-28 and 30-32 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jones et al. '489.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 has been amended to include the features of a substrate incorporates a cleaning composition comprising an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

It is therefore Applicants' position that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 and any dependent claims thereof.

Applicants also submit that claim 17 has been amended to include the features of a substrate having a tensile strength of at least 5 N/inch and a composition comprising an organic acid selected from the group consisting of citric acid, tartaric acid, lactic acid, and mixtures thereof.

It is therefore Applicants' position that this amendment overcomes the Examiner's rejection of claim 17 and any dependent claims thereof.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 13 and 29 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Jones et al. '293 in view of Adams et al. '187.

Applicants submit that claims 13 and 29 have been cancelled without prejudice therefore mooting the Examiner's rejection.

It is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

If the next action is other than to allow the claims, the favor of a telephonic interview is requested with the undersigned representative.

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